SAVING THE NATION.

[Continued from 1st page.] the river to save themselves from being scalded. ower settles the Varuna. The sailors leap rem the deck into the rushing stream, to be

picked up by the boats of the Oneida.

The Mississippi poured a broadside into Jackson, another into St. Philip. The Manasers comes down with a rush upon her, crushing a hole in her hull below the water-line and disabling her machinery by the shock. But all the while her guns are roaring-sending eight-inch solid shot into the Manassas, riddling her iron plates, setting her on fire.

The Katabdin puts on all steam, runs close under St. Philip, and pours her fire into the from-clad Louisiana. The Kineo runs close up St. Philip, and then sends solid shot at the

The Wissahickon unfortunately runs in the darkness before reaching the ort, but floats again, runs past the forts, only to ground once more. These vessels belonged to the first division. They were to pay little attention to the forts, but to engage the thirteen Confederate vessels.

THE CENTER DIVISION.

when the Hartford, leading the second division, swept round the bend of the river. By the light of the fire-rafts and the blazing piles of pitch-pine wood on shore the Confederate gunners in Fort Jackson behold the beautiful outlines of the vessel, and the shot and shell begin to sweep her decks. The Hartford can only reply with her bow gun. But at five minutes before four, from the middle of the stream, her broadsides open upon both forts. Ten minutes and she is past them, but in the darkness rous aground. The Manassas sees her and pushes a great raft of fire upon her. In an instant the fames are leaping up her sides and into the rigging. Up the shrouds run the sailors to put it out. The steam-pumps are set to work; the sailors lower their buckets, dip up the water, dash it upon the flames; and all the while the

cannon are thundering. "In a twinkling the flames had risen Half way to main-top and mizzen, Darting up the shrouds like smoke. Ah, how we clanked at the brakes, And the deep steam-pumps throbbed under, Sending a ceaseless flow. Our top men-a dauntless crowd-Swarmed in rigging and shroud. There (twas a wonder!)

They quenched with their bare, hard hands.

But the great guns below Never dienced their thunder!" The Hartford floats once more. A Confederate voss-I crowded with men comes down to board her, but Captain Broome lets fly a shell and she disappears.

The burning rattins and shrouds

The Brooklyn in the darkness runs upon one Confederate vessel, fires upon her, but, running clese up to St. Philip, she sends such a storm of grape and canister from her great guns that by the finshes the sailors can see the Confederates fleeing from the fort.

A Confederate vessel—the Warrior—comes down upon her, but the Brooklyn sends eleven open field, and around which they had felled shells into her. In an instant the Warrior is a trees outwardly, making an abatis almost imhelpless wrock, on fire from stem to stern. The Richmond steams, slowly past the forts, firing steadily, the gunners watching the the eaemy was driven into the open ground

THE THIRD DIVISION. The Sciota, with Captain Bell on her deck, leads, steaming rapidly past the forts, engaging two Confederate vessels and setting them on

The Iroqueis gets past the forts. The Confederate vessel McCrea sweeps her decks with grape, but she sends one cleven-inch shell and broadside of canister into the McCrea, driving her off, and opens her broadsides upon the rest of the Confederate vessels.

ceives the fire of the forty guns of St. Philip, but arrives in season to take part in the fight with the Confederate vessels. A shell from one of the forts explodes in the the hulk. The Winona is driven back-her docks slippery with the blood of her crew.

rafts, the flashing of 300 guns, a storm of shells sing from the cannon's mouths! Confederate fleet is destroyed. sels have disappeared like the Varuna, the swirling waters. Others witnessed the de Nanasses is all addine. The powder left in her

IN NEW ORLEANS.

swearing in impotent rage.

have nothing to lose. that the Confederate flag is still flying above

Orleans on the 1st of May.

killed and 177 wounded.

[To be continued.]

What Congress Should Do.

To the Editor NATIONAL TETRUNE:

sine matter, and that is to be as honest with and within easy range of the guns at Columthe soldier as with any other creditor.

up the amount and pay him off. If it doesn't graphic communication, affd our base at Cairo owe him, let it so declare, and stop this trying over twenty miles away. Neither did we have to dodge the question. It is not suffering from | any knowledge of the numbers or position of lack of funds, for it has more money in the the enemy. Our whole force, after deducting Tressury than it knows how to spend honestly. the five companies left at the boats, consisted yet it is constantly devising some plan to place of four and a half regiments of infantry, one the Treasury in such a condition that it will battery, and two companies of cavalry. With afford it an excess for not paying its honest this force deats to the soldier.

I want to say one word about the arrears bill presented by the Hon. J. J. Ingalis, of Kausas. think it the embodiment of honesty, right, and justice, a lasting credit to the Senate, and a bill that every honest man should hope to see

If this Congress does its duty it will pass the periled their lives to save the Nation, who are now disabled. If Congress does this, and does it promptly, Mr. Editor, you will see a procession of soldiers and their wives and children, marching with tottering step and tattered rags, from the poor-house, the almshouse, and the hovels, that will shame old "Noah's entrance into the ark," the exodus of the "children of Israel," or Sherman's march to the sea. Then, and not until then, will this Government have done its duty to those who saved her life. It can never fully pay the soldier for the suffering he has endured, but it can, at least, save many from a miserable existence and a papper's 129TH ILLINOIS V. I. OTTAWA, KAN.

Perfection.

BATTLE OF BELMONT. some Interesting Reminiscences of that Hard-Fought Field.

It will be remembered by those who were selected for that expedition that we were camped at Cairo, Birds Point, and Fort Holt, and that on the 6th day of November, 1861, an order was given by General Grant for all in the regiments selected who were able for duty to be ready to move at a moment's notice, with two days' rations and forty rounds of ammu-nition, the sick to be left in camp with a detail from each company as camp guard; that in the afternoon the steamers Montgomery, Belle, Memphis and Scott came over from Cairo and the troops, consisting of the 7th Iowa, Colonel Lauman; 22d Illinois, Colonel Dougherty; 27th Hinois, Colonel Buford; 30th Illinois, Colonel Fonke; 31st Illinois, Colonel John A. Logan; Taylor's Chicago Battery of four six-pounders and two twelve-pound howitzers; Captain Delano's company of Illinois cavalry, fifty-six strong, and one company of Independent cavalry, commanded by Captain Dollins, seventy alry, commanded by Captain Dollins, seventy there there are an interest and the company of the comp alry, commanded by Captain Dollins, seventy men;—these troops were quietly embarked on men;—these troops were quietly embarked on these transports, nobody but the officers highest in command knowing what we were going cause in which we have alike labored for nearly est in command knowing what we were going It was just half past three in the morning to do. After all were loaded we dropped down the Mississippi River, the wooden gunboats, the Lexington, Captain Stembel, and Tyler, Captain Walker commanding, acting as convoys. After going about ten miles we swang into the Kentucky shore, threw out a strong guard and tied up for the night, the troops, all but the guards, sleeping on the transports.

EARLY IN THE MORNING of the 7th we dropped down to a point on the Missouri side about two and a half to three miles above the village of Belmont, debarked just out of the range of the batteries at Columbus, and after detailing two companies of the 7th Iowa and three companies of the 22d Illinois to guard the boats under command of Captain Detrick, proceeded to advance on the enemy. From here the troops were marched with skirmishers in advance for about a mile down the river, and there formed in line of battle, the first brigade, consisting of the 27th, 30th and 31st Illinois regiments, Captain Dollin's company of cavalry and Captain Taylor's battery, under command of Brigadier-General John A. McClernand, taking the right of the line, and eight companies of the 7th Iowa and seven companies of the 22d Illinois comprising the 2d brigade, under command of Colonel H. Dougherty, taking the left. The command moved forward and the skirmishers became engaged at once. The firing was brisk, but the enemy's pickets were steadily driven back to their main line and our skirmishers only halted for our support to come up. Then the battle open-ed in real earnest and continued for several hours, the enemy giving ground all the time. of the bulks of the ratt. The Manassas, another | The very audacity of the attack seemed to impress our men with a sense of the necessity of the occasion that they seemed almost in-spired to deeds of daring and valor, and they pressed forward with the most obstinate courage, irresistibly driving the enemy back in confusion into their camps, which were in an possible to get through. Here we halted to R. D. BUCHANAN, Secretary take breath and reform our lines. As soon as finshes from the fort and taking deliberate and it could be seen that from the forts at Columbus they could shell the woods without Principal Offices Nos. 156 and 158 danger to their own troops, a TERRIFIC FIRE OF SOLID SHOT AND SHELL

was opened upon us from all the batteries on the opposite side of the river, literally mowing the tree-tops where we were forming for another advance. As soon as all were ready, the order was given and our men dashed forward, firing and hurrahing as they advanced, and when the obstructions were scaled a final charge was ordered and away we went over the open field, and after one volley from us they were completely routed. They abandoned their battery and disappeared under the river bank and the victory was ours. We took possession of their camp, artillery, garrison, flag and all their equipage, turned their battery

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magazine explodes, and she disappears forever. temporarily occupied the ground. While they were parleying as to what to do with us who Never before was there such consternation were wounded, Colonel Logan's regiment, with in New Orleans. Men lose their senses. At himself in command, came charging through the leves is a great facet of steamers loaded and drove them back. We were then picked with cotton. In an instant they are ablaze- up and put into an army wagon drawn by four the people setting them on fire, cutting the mules and filled with wounded men. The cables, and sending them adrift in the stream. mules were then put on a run through corn People run hither and thather, not knowing | fields and woods to the boats, avoiding the roads what to do or where to go. In an hour prop- | because the rebels had been heavily re-enforced erty worth millions of dollars is licked up by and had formed a line between our troops and the river, covering the road to the boats. The Up the river steam the vessels, the Cayuga | wounded had but just been put on the transin advance. Three miles below the city the ports when a terrific volley of musketry was Confederates have erected a battery of twenty | poured in upon us from the rebels on the bank heavy guns, which open upon her, but the of the river. The balls literally riddled the Hartford, Pensacola, and Brooklyn open with upper works of the beats where the wounded their broadsides such a stream that the Confed- lay in winrows on the cabin floor. There beerates flee in terror, and the vessels steam on, ing scarcely any on the boat but the wounded, dropping anchor in front of the city at 1 o'clock | there was no resistance offered save by a few in the afternoon of April 25th. On the ships who were slightly wounded. The fire was so the sations swing their caps and hurrals. On fierce that it was impossible to even cut the the shore is a crowd of people, carsing and lines and get under way. There we lay until the gunboats came to our rescue and gave them "Burn the city," shout the ragamuffins, who a broadside which put them to flight. When the lines were loosened and we swung out in the "Shoot the coward who commanded the stream, we proceeded on our way to the camp. forts!" they cry, not knowing how gallantly | Those who were not injured were left at Cairo the Confederates in the forts had fought, nor and Birds Point and the wounded were taken to

MOUND CITY HOSPITAL, where we arrived on the afternoon of the 8th. But they could not hold them. The garri- I was informed and find by the official reports sons began to desert, and they were surrendered | that our beaviest loss occurred on our way back to General Butler, who took possession of New | to the transports, where our exhausted troops had to cut their way back to the boats through a line In the battle the less on the ships was forty of fresh troops which had been thrown across the river from Columbus between our forces "It was a battle," said Captain Bailey, "be- and the transports, under the cover of their tween from hearts in wooden vessels and fron- guns in their fort. The rebels claimed a vicciads with iron beaks, and the iron hearts tory and most assuredly we did; why should we not? We accomplished all and more than we started to do. We captured and burned their camp, took their battery, and brought three pieces back to our camp with a large number of prisoners. We must, of course, ad-Since this Congress convened I have been | mit a great sacrifice in killed and wounded; an interested reader of THE TRIBUNE, and | but we have the satisfaction of knowing that very much admire its outspoken views in | we punished them as severely, if we did have to do it at such a disadvantage. According to I have been watering and thinking about their own reports we fought them over two to the different pension bills that have been introduced in both Houses, and have about come
to the following conclusion: That there is just
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WE ATTACKED AND SUCCESSPULLY DEFEATED five regiments of infantry, one battery, and one battalion of cavalry as officially shown by Major-General Polk's report after the battle. From this we learn that the enemy consisted passed and become a law. It is No. 1 in its of the 13th Arkansas, Colonel Tappan compresentation in the Scuate, it is No. 1 in its | manding; 12th, 13th, 21st and 22d Tennessee, merits, and should stand No. 1 in becoming a commanded by Colonels Russell, Wright, Pickett and Freeman; Colonel Beltzhoover's battery, commanded by Captain Watson, and a battalion arrears bill, ex-Union prisoners' bill, equaliza- of cavalry under Lieutenant-Colonel Miller; tion bounty hill, and pension all soldiers who all of these under command of General Pillow. In addition to these forces there was a large force across the river and an adequate number of steamers at the landing to bring over re-en-

> forcements. When the War Officially Terminated. To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: What was the exact date fixed by the Gov-

ernment as marking the close of the war? BEANDY CAMP, PA. N. W. ROGERS. there no longer existed an armed resistance to

the authority of the United States in any of the States except Texas. On the 20th of August following he issued a second proclamation, in which he declared that the insurrection formerly existing in all the The Scarlet, Cardinal Red, Old Gold, Navy | States was at an end, and that peace, order, Eluc, Seat Brown, Diamond Dyes give perfect tranquility and civil authority existed in and throughout the whole of the United States. tits. Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt. | Ep.]

Justice Harlan's Military Record.

The dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, in the civil rights case, appears to have been made the occa-sion by his enemies for an assault on his loy-alty, in that he, as colonel of the 10th Ken-[Read by Captain H. L. Smith, Mason City, Iowa, at the 7th Iowa Reunion.] tucky infantry, resigned his commission in the volunteer army in March, 1863. The fact is that the State of Kentucky produced no more loyal and efficient officer than John M. Harlan, who in the summer of 1861 organized the 10th Kentucky infantry, and commanded it until circumstances in no way connected with the policy of the Government compelled his resignation. The best answer to the slander is his letter of resignatian, now on file in the War Department, which is as follows:

LAVERGNE, TENN., March 2, 1863. Brig.-Gen. GARFIELD, Chief of Staff, Army of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tenu. GENERAL: I hereby tender my resignation as solonel of the 10th Kentucky volunteer infantry. I am not indebted to the Government of the United States, nor have I any Government property

sixteen months, that I should state explicitly the reasons which have induced me to take this step. The recent sudden death of my father has devolved upon me duties of a private nature which I cannot with propriety neglect, and which the exigencies of the public service do not require that I shall neglect. Those duties relate to his unsettled beginning which demands my immediate services. tled business, which demands my immediate personal attention

I deeply regret that I am compelled at this time to return to civil life. It was my fixed purpose to remain in the Federal army until it had effectually suppressed the existing armed rebellion and re-stored the authority of the National Government over every part of the Nation. No ordinary con-sideration would have induced me to depart from this purpose. Even the private interests to which I have alluded would be regarded as nothing in my estimation, if I felt that my continuance in or retirement from the service would to any material extent affect the great struggle through

which the country is now passing.

If, therefore, I am permitted to retire from the army, I beg the commanding general to feel assured that it is from no want of confidence either in the justice or the ultimate triumph of the Union se. That cause will always have the warmest sympathies of my heart, for there are no conditions upon which I will consent to a dissolution of the Union. Nor are there any conditions consistent with a republican form of government which I am not prepared to make in order to maintain and

Perpetuate that Union.

I have the honor to be, General,
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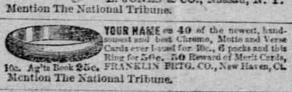
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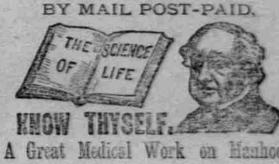
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